

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 814

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dwana Pusser Garrison.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dwana Pusser Garrison; and

WHEREAS, Dwana Garrison was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Garrison was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 9, 1961, to the late legendary McNairy County Sheriff Buford Pusser and Pauline Mullins Pusser; she was a 1979 graduate of Adamsville High School; and

WHEREAS, Dwana Garrison was a tourism advocate and promoter for Adamsville and the legacy of her father through the Buford Pusser Home and Museum; and

WHEREAS, she was also an active supporter of law enforcement officers, and she annually honored an officer of the year and officers fallen in the line of duty at the Buford Pusser Festival held every Memorial Day weekend; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Mrs. Garrison served three terms on the Adamsville City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dwana Garrison was an active and devout member of Adamsville First Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she will be fondly remembered by her loving husband, Jamie Garrison; her daughters, Atoyia Barnes and Madison Garrison; her stepdaughter, Tara Garrison; her grandchildren, Abby Moffett, Hayse Barnes, Dani Beth Moffett, and Jack Houston Barnes; her half-brother, Mike Vance; and a host of extended family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dwana Garrison was preceded in death by her parents and her half-sister, Diane Vance Mullins; and

WHEREAS, Dwana Garrison leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dwana Pusser Garrison, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Garrison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.